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- (i) considers that there are 4 (number of) inventions claimed in the international application covered by the claims indicated ~~below~~ on the extra sheet:

and it considers that the international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention (Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3) for the reasons indicated ~~below~~ on the extra sheet:

- (ii) ☒ has carried out a partial international search (see Annex) ☐ will establish the international search report on those parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos.:
1-5, 23-37, 45-49, 64-67, 71-73

- (iii) will establish the international search report on the other parts of the international application only if, and to the extent to which, additional fees are paid

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3. ☐ Claim(s) Nos. _____ have been found to be unsearchable under Article 17(2)(b) because of defects under Article 17(2)(a) and therefore have not been included with any invention.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-5 23-27 45-49 64-67 71-73

Method, apparatus and system for receiving content descriptors and a trigger signal from a server, and for sending feedback in response to said trigger signal.

2. Claims: 6-9 28-31 50-52 68-70 74-76

Method, apparatus and system for receiving content descriptors from a server and for sending feedback after fixed time intervals.

3. Claims: 10-15 32-37 53-56 77-79

Method, apparatus and system for receiving content descriptors from a server and for generating demand data after which feedback is sent to the server

4. Claims: 16-22 38-44 57-63 80-85

Method, apparatus and system for receiving content descriptors and content from a server, for storing said content and for sending feedback after an amount of the stored content is consumed.

1. D1 = US-A-6160989 discloses a subscriber terminal that receives content descriptors from a server, that receives a trigger signal from the server and that sends feedback in response to said trigger signal. The feedback is sent via a network connection or through a back channel. An order is determined and content is identified before sending the content to the clients.

2. As a consequence is the subject-matter of the independent claims 1, 23, 45, 64 and 71 and their dependent claims 4, 26, 48, 65-67 and 73 not novel, Art. 33(2) PCT.

3. The subject-matter of the dependent claims 2, 5, 24, 27, 46 and 49 is not inventive, Art. 33(3) PCT.

In D1 there is already a network connection between client and server at the time of sending the trigger signal. Therefor is there in D1 no explicit disclosure of establishing a network connection in order to send feedback. However, for a person skilled in the art would it be straightforward to establish the connection if the connection were not there yet.

4.1 The special technical feature as meant in Rule 13.2 PCT of the first alleged invention with respect to D1 is (found in claims 3, 25, 47 and 72):

- using a binary exponential backoff system

This special technical feature solves the problem of establishing a

network connection.

4.2 The special technical feature as meant in Rule 13.2 PCT of the second alleged invention with respect to D1 is :

- timing lapsed time after a feedback and sending feedback on predetermined intervals

This special technical feature solves the problem of the server becoming overwhelmed by feedback of different users at the same time.

4.3 The special technical feature as meant in Rule 13.2 PCT of the third alleged invention with respect to D1 is :

- generating demand data after which feedback is sent

This special technical feature solves the problem of providing direct user requests.

4.4 The special technical feature as meant in Rule 13.2 PCT of the fourth alleged invention with respect to D1 is :

- storing content and sending feedback after an amount of the stored content is consumed

This special technical feature solves the problem of monitoring the amount of locally available content.

5. Thus, the subjects of these 4 groups of claims are not so linked by common or corresponding special technical features as to form a single general inventive concept (Rule 13.1 PCT) and therefore the requirements of unity of invention are not fulfilled.

1. The present communication is an Annex to the invitation to pay additional fees (Form PCT/ISA/206). It shows the results of the international search established on the parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos.:
1-5, 23-27, 45-49, 64-67, 71-73
2. This communication is not the international search report which will be established according to Article 18 and Rule 43.
3. If the applicant does not pay any additional search fees, the information appearing in this communication will be considered as the result of the international search and will be included as such in the international search report.
4. If the applicant pays additional fees, the international search report will contain both the information appearing in this communication and the results of the international search on other parts of the international application for which such fees will have been paid.

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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**Annex to Form PCT/ISA/206
COMMUNICATION RELATING TO THE RESULTS
OF THE PARTIAL INTERNATIONAL SEARCH**

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Patent Family Annex

Information on patent family members

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